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KEW DISCHARGES



Admission by pass at the gates of the Central Record Office of the Unemployed Insurance Fund of the Ministry of Labour at Kew, where some 500 dismissed men were barred out. The men, who hold that their discharge is "a departmental error," held an indignation meeting outside. They sent a letter to the Prime Minister.—(*Daily Mirror*.)

DIVORCED



Mrs. Robinson, daughter of Lady Tangye, against whom her husband, Lieutenant-Commander Lionel Frederick Robinson, R.N., was granted a decree nisi yesterday on the ground of her misconduct with a man unknown.



Miss Paula Gellibrand.

A notably interesting engagement to be married is that of Miss Paula Gellibrand to the Marquis de Casa Maury, which has just been announced. Miss Gellibrand is an heiress as well as a beauty, and also enjoys great popularity in a wide circle of friends. She once amused herself by acting as mannequin in a West End establishment.

ENGAGEMENT



As mannequin. Inset, Marquis de Casa Maury.

EASTBOURNE BUSMEN ACHIEVE A NOTABLE SUCCESS WITH THEIR HOME-MADE PANTOMIME REVUE



Mr. Matthews, right, and Mr. Turner in the dressing-room.

Mr. A. Matthews and Mr. W. Turner, of Eastbourne, bus driver and conductor respectively, are the joint authors of a pantomime revue which has proved immensely popular.



The authors engaged in the occupation of

It is entitled "A Busman's Dream," and is nightly drawing full houses at the Town Hall. The elaborate scenery was painted by Mr. J. Glass, a cleaner at the depot.



Miss Marion Tomsett, who plays a leading part.

SIX LIVES LOST IN HUMBER DISASTER

Dredger Turns Turtle When Towrope Snaps.

LEAPS FOR LIFE.

Sank in Few Seconds—Tug Rescues Two of Crew.

Six lives were lost in the Humber yesterday morning when a North-Eastern Railway dredger turned turtle and sank almost immediately.

The dredger was being towed by a tug when the rope snapped. A strong tide swung the vessel round and a high wind blew her over. One of the two men saved leaped from the deck of the dredger into a small boat. The other threw himself into the water. Both were picked up by the tug.

The disaster occurred close to the spot where the R 38 fell into the Humber.

TRAPPED BY TIDE.

Dredger Blown Over by Wind—Fireman's Jump for Boat.

The No. 2 North-Eastern Railway mud dredger left the Humber Dock at 6.20 yesterday morning.

The vessel was being towed by the steam-tug Active and was going to the cattle depot near the Victoria Dock for under-water repairs.

The vessel, about 500ft. long, struck the island pier at Hull, when the towrope broke.

There was a heavy sea running at the time, and the shock of the break caused the dredger to capsized and the crew were thrown into the water.

The dredger sank in a few seconds in 30ft. of water.

Before the dredger was overturned it is stated that the towrope was caught again, and the vessel was capsized while a turn was being made.

The crew had no chance of righting the heavy dredger, which appears to have been literally forced over by the high wind which prevailed. The names of the dead are:—

E. Wood, chargeman, who was in command.
H. Waite, acting mate.
W. Burton, driver.

E. R. Tyler, H. Sumpton and J. Bailey, deck hands.

The names of the men rescued are: V. Vincent, deck hand, and A. E. Key, fireman.

WHERE R 38 FELL.

The tug steamed round the spot where the dredger went down, and picked up the two survivors.

The fireman of the dredger, Albert Edward Key, owes his life to the fact that he came on deck to have a look round as the dredger heeled over to port. He jumped into a small boat and swam away from the dredger.

Frederick Vincent, the other survivor, got hold of a lifebuoy, dived into the Humber, and was swimming about when picked up by the tug.

The dredger is lying submerged in the main channel of the Humber, near the spot where the Airship R 38 fell into the river.

Captain Brewer and those with him on the tug Active are amazed at the rapidity with which the affair occurred, and are of the opinion that the towrope must have been clear of the mouth of the dock, the dredger got adrift of the strong tide and was capsized by the wind before the crew could do anything to right her.

MISSING STEAMER.

Lifeboatmen Find No Trace of Crew of Wrecked Vessel.

St. David's lifeboat returned yesterday morning after nine hours' fruitless search off the Pembrokeshire coast for the crew of a two-masted steamer, which disappeared off the Smalls.

The vessel was seen on the rocks the previous afternoon, and seven minutes later she went down.

The lifeboat reached the spot after battling with tumultuous seas, and cruised about after midnight, without finding any trace of wreckage or of the crew.

NEW DIABETES CURE.

Doctor's Reference at Inquest to Secret of "Insulin."

A new treatment for diabetes, which has until recently been kept a close secret, was referred to at St. Stephen's Inquest yesterday on a woman who suffered from the disease.

Mr. E. W. Morris, house surgeon at the London Hospital, in his evidence said that the new curative agent was called insulin, and the London Hospital had opened a laboratory for research in connection with it.

Up till recently the cost of experimenting with insulin had been high, but lately a method had been discovered whereby the yield of insulin was ten times as great as before.

The coroner mentioned that insulin was obtained from the sweetbread of an ox, and was first discovered by Canadian doctors.

BRIDE'S HAPPY IDEA.

Charming Incident at Wedding of Sir Edward Grigg.

SMILE FOR CHILDREN.

A touching circumstance in connection with the wedding of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edward Grigg and the Hon. Joan Dickson-Poynder at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Wednesday, has just been revealed.

In a place of honour in the front pew were three children—two girls and a boy. They, among all the notable people who crowded the church, were singled out with a special smile from the beautiful bride.

When the congregation wondered who the trio could be, *The Daily Mirror* learns that they were children whom the bride "adopted" some time ago.

She has made herself responsible for their care and education, providing for them out of her own dress allowance.

They were brought up to the wedding from the Wiltshire village where they live, and afterwards attended the reception at Lord and Lady Isingriff's, Portland-square.

Two of the young ones—Betty Wiles, aged eight, and Henry Swash, aged thirteen—live under the care of Mrs. E. Dixcox at Hilmarton, near Cirencester, Wiltshire, and June Hope, aged six, lives with Mrs. E. Derham in the neighbouring village of Compton Bassett.

Henry, who is lame, is the son of a soldier who died in the hospital where Lady Grigg was a nurse during the war.

Betty is the youngest of a poor family of nine children, and little June has never known her mother.

The children returned to their Wiltshire homes the day after the wedding, full of delight at their London experiences.

They were specially proud of the fact that they had, as they described it, "front seats," were quite close to the Prince of Wales, and had the best view of the wedding.

WOODEN WAR CROSSES.

New Order Affecting Delivery to Relatives from Cemeteries.

The Imperial War Graves Commission are no longer able to arrange for the return to relatives of the wooden crosses from war graves.

They are, however, prepared, in approved cases, when the crosses are still available, to allow relatives or their agents to take delivery in the cemeteries on the Western front.

The written authority of the Commission is essential and any persons who wish to avail themselves of the privilege should apply, giving full particulars of name, rank, number, unit and cemetery to: Imperial War Graves Commission, 32, Baker-street, W.I.

HUSBAND'S KISSES.

Story of Bedroom Visits in Divorce Cross-Petitions.

Further evidence was given in the Divorce Court yesterday at the hearing of the cross-petitions brought between Mrs. Olive May Dodson, charging her husband with cruelty and misconduct with Miss Ethel May Lovegrove, who was stated to be over forty.

The husband, counter-charged his wife with misconduct with Mr. Wallace Kyte Henney. All the children were dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson, who were married in India, lived at a Baywater boarding-house.

Mr. Dodson yesterday was cross-examined by Mr. Bayford, K.C.

Counsel: About these love passages between you and Miss Lovegrove? What were they?—We used to kiss in front of Mr. Henney and my wife often, and we used to kiss each other good-morning and good-night.

The husband, after he first met this elderly lady, did you begin to call her lovey dear?—I forgot.

Have you been constantly in her bedroom alone with her?—Yes.

ESCAPE IN HANDCUFFS.

Wanted Man Who Had Large Motor-Car When Recaptured.

A man who, two months ago, escaped from custody although handcuffed, and got clear away, has been recaptured at Chatham, where he was found to be in possession of a large motor-car.

He is Eric Martin, alias Aubrey, an Australian, born December 4, arrived at Wimborne Station in charge of two waders. Although handcuffed, he made a dash for liberty and escaped in the darkness.

He had persuaded the waders to loosen one of the manacles, and then jumped on to the line and ran. It was thought he had hidden himself in a goods train.

MRS. EDITH THOMPSON'S WILL.

Mrs. Edith Thompson, who was hanged at Holloway on January 9, has left £600. Probate is granted to her mother, Mrs. Ethel Jessie Graydon.

The will, dated November 27, 1922, containing about 150 words, leaves everything to her mother. The witnesses are her solicitor, F. S. Stern, and J. K. Richard, Officer, H.M. Prison, Holloway.

9s. INCOME-TAX!

What British Demand from Guernsey Means.

£275,000 A YEAR.

The British Treasury's demand for a yearly contribution from Guernsey of £275,000 has caused a feeling of consternation in the island.

The authorities in Guernsey estimate the assessable income of the islanders this year at £600,000. Thus an income tax of 9s. in the pound would be needed to meet the British demand.

It would be in addition to taxation amounting to £175,000 for local purposes and to rates levied for education and poor-law relief.

Out of a total population of 40,000 men, women and semi-skilled workers on farms, in gardens and in quarries, the number of potential taxpayers is barely 7,500.

The people of the island, while willing to contribute according to their means, feel that the present demand is impossible.

SMALLPOX SPREADING.

24 Cases in One Derbyshire Area—Five Notified in Single Day.

Smallpox is rapidly spreading in several places in Derbyshire. Yesterday five fresh cases were reported at Clowne, making twenty-four from this district alone.

The first case of smallpox in Peterborough for twenty years was notified on Thursday.

KEW MEN KEPT OUT.

Police Guard Record Office Against All Without Passes.

When the Kew discharged men presented themselves at the Record Office there this morning they found the gates closed against them.

No man was admitted without a pass, and the women entered by a special entrance. Police were on duty, and every pass was closely examined.

The men held a meeting outside the gates, at which Mr. Ellaby said that the Ministry of Labour had evidently got the "wind up." Their latest move, however, would only make the men more determined to continue their efforts to get justice done.

NOTED CASE SEQUEL.

Petitioner's Father Fails in Appeal Against "Contempt" Sentence.

There was an echo of what was known as the "Kissing doctor case" in the Appeal Court yesterday when Lords Justices Bancks, Scrutton and Atkin sustained a preliminary objection by the Attorney-General that Mr. B. Vidal had no right of appeal from an order committing him to prison for four months for contempt of court.

Appellant is the father of Mr. Edward Vidal, who unsuccessfully petitioned for a divorce from his wife on the ground of her alleged misconduct with Dr. A. W. Wilson.

The case consisted in exhibiting near the Law Courts and the Houses of Parliament posters containing imputations of Sir Henry Duke and his conduct of the case.

Lord Justice Bancks told Mr. Vidal, "It is quite plain you have no right of appeal. We cannot hear you."

TRAIN DEATH MYSTERY.

Inquest Theory of Man Tossed Between Passing Trains.

That he had possibly opened the carriage door while alight was a theory advanced at the inquest at Denton yesterday, when a verdict of Accidental Death was returned on Mr. Benjamin Russell, killed during falling from a train near Gravesend.

It was stated that the body was terribly mutilated, and one of the arms crashed through the window of another compartment.

The opinion was expressed that Mr. Russell after falling was thrown to and fro between his train and a passing train.

8,000,000 MARKS PRIZES.

"Daily Mirror" Simple Competition on Ruhr Crisis.

The popular *Daily Mirror* competition for prize money totalling eight million marks closes by the first post on Monday morning.

Competitors must state clearly in 100 words their opinion as to what Great Britain's policy should be with regard to the French occupation of the Ruhr.

The first prize is 5,000,000 marks, the second 2,000,000 marks, and the third 1,000,000 marks.

MAN WITH £600 IN HIS POCKET.

When William Wallace Wakerly, a cashier, of Kilburn Priory, was at Marylebone yesterday charged with being drunk and incapable, it was stated that when arrested in Paddington about ten o'clock at night, he had about £600 in his possession. He was ordered to pay £5.

NAVAL OFFICER'S 'EXPENSIVE' WIFE.

Divorce for Commander from Society Girl.

HUSBAND'S SURPRISE

Woman's Refusal to Reveal Name of Child's Father.

Amazing evidence was given in the Divorce Court yesterday, when Lieutenant-Commander Lionel Frederick Robinson, R.N., was granted a decree nisi by Mrs. Justice Horridge on the ground of his wife's misconduct.

The employer, who at the time of the marriage was employed in the Dover Patrol, said that differences arose between him and his wife owing to the latter's expensive life.

On returning from Australia he found that his wife had given birth to a child, of whom he was not the father.

His wife, said Commander Robinson, subsequently stated that the father of the child was an Australian soldier.

MYSTERY OF A CHILD.

Wife's Surprise for Husband on His Return from Voyage.

Lieutenant-Commander Robinson, whose evidence was read, said the marriage took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in December, 1915.

In June, 1916, his wife, who had previously been a nurse at her mother's hospital in France, returned to the hospital, and until January, 1917, was seen by her only at intervals.

During this time differences arose between them over the expensive life she was living and also as to the company she appeared to be keeping. He was appointed to the Australian 18th Division in March, 1917, and came to Australia in February, 1918, arriving home in June, 1922.

She met him on his arrival at Liverpool and accompanied him to London, where they resided at Upper Berkeley-street until June, when they called on her mother, Lady Tangye, at an hotel in Great Portland-street.

On their way to the sitting-room they met Lady Tangye with a small child. They entered the room together, but Lady Tangye went out, leaving the child with his mother.

"I asked her whose child it was," said the husband, "and after some little time, when her manner had made me curious, she told me the child was hers.

"I asked her how old he was, and she replied that he was born in January, 1919.

"I asked who the father was, and she told me that the father was an Australian soldier, but that she would not tell me his name."

She asked me which I was going to do. I told her to stay at the hotel with her mother, and that I was going to think the matter over."

RIGHT IN THE RUHR.

Mr. Lovat Fraser's Plea for Fair Play for France.

Some new and important aspects of the French policy in the Ruhr will be discussed by Mr. Lovat Fraser in an article entitled "Fair Play for France," which he has written for to-morrow's *Sunday Pictorial*.

Stephen Leacock contributes a very amusing dissertation on the "Real Joys of Motoring," and there are many other articles by well-known writers.

In the same issue of the *Sunday Pictorial* will appear the first long instalment of "Dolf Runs Away," an absorbing new serial story by Valentine.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

Abbot's Death.—The Right Rev. C. Marmion, Abbot of Maredsous, Belgium, has died there. He was native of Dublin.

Woman's Jewels Stolen.—Jewels worth nearly £1,000 have been stolen at Mentone from Mrs. B. H. wife of a Scots Guards officer.

Poisoning Foxes.—Owing to heavy depredations by foxes in the neighbourhood of the Brocklesby Hunt farmers are poisoning them.

Bartholomew Fair.—St. Bartholomew's Hospital is seeking permission to reproduce at West Smithfield Bartholomew Fair, first held 800 years ago.

Fatal Earth Fall.—James Williams, a South Wales miner, was fatally crushed by a fall of earth at the McLaren Colliery, Aberystwyth, yesterday.

Brightening Hammersmith.—Cheaper electricity to encourage shopkeepers to keep their shops lighted after closing hours is proposed at Hammersmith.

Lifeboat's Fruitless Search.—St. David's lifeboat returned yesterday after a nine hours' fruitless search for the crew of a steamer which sank off Smalls.

GERMANY WAVERING UNDER PRESSURE IN THE RUHR

Signs That Berlin May Soon Make New Offer to Pay Adequate Reparations.

RAIL STRIKE FIZZLING OUT: MORE TRAINS

Belief That Lord Curzon Will Leave Lausanne To-morrow with Near East Treaty Signed.

France and Belgium are beginning to reap their reward for the success with which the occupation of the Ruhr was planned and carried out.

There are signs that the German Government are realising that continued opposition to the Allies is hopeless, and a move to open negotiations with M. Poincaré will not come as a surprise in Paris.

Meanwhile, France is content steadily to apply pressure until Berlin capitulates and pays the reparations evaded for more than four years.

Near East peace prospects are much brighter. Lord Curzon continues private talks with the Turks, and there is a strong belief that he will come away from Lausanne to-morrow night with the Treaty, signed and sealed, in his pocket.

RESIGNATION THREAT BY GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

Berlin Beginning to Show a Subdued Temper.

TRAIN SERVICES INCREASE.

French reports from unoccupied Germany, quoted by Reuter, indicate that the Germans are gradually realising that resistance to the Franco-Belgian pressure is ultimately hopeless.

In the occupied territories the clockwork-like precision with which the isolation of the Ruhr was carried out resulted in a general avoidance of disturbing incidents.

At the same time, French observers in Berlin detect indications that the tide of German opposition has turned, and that the German Government, inwardly convinced of the impossibility of holding out for long against the French and Belgians, is resolved to seize an early occasion to approach them with a view to negotiate a settlement.

The French are quite content to wait until Germany goes on her knees and continues increasing pressure until that occurs.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Écho de Paris*, alluding to the present state of affairs in the German Cabinet, says that during the last few days the Chancellor (Dr. Cuno) wished to resign, but he was begged to remain in power.

SEEING THE RED LIGHT.

"Herr Cuno," adds the correspondent, "sees perfectly that a catastrophe is inevitable."

The *Matin* refers to the changed attitude in Berlin, but says that no definite act of a conciliatory nature can be expected before two or three weeks.

Messages received in Brussels show, says Reuter, that calm prevails throughout the occupied territory.

The strike among the German railwaymen seems to have come to an end.

It is confirmed from several German quarters, says a Central News wire from Berlin, that the Minister for Communications (Herr Groener) has again ordered all railway managers and workers in the Ruhr in no circumstances to obey French orders.

WORK RESUMED IN BRITISH AREA.

A semi-official telegram from Essen, says Reuter, anticipates that the French will try to divert to France some of the 20,000 wagons of coal now in the Ruhr.

Should the French endeavour to take any of the coal which is being produced, the miners, it is declared, are resolved to frustrate the attempt.

Advices received in London from the British zone state that the German railwaymen agreed to resume work yesterday in the whole of the Cologne area.

Coal traffic on the Rhine has ceased, but there are prospects of arrangements being made for a resumption, and then the large consignments which have accumulated at the Rhine ports will become available.

PLOT AGAINST POINCARÉ.

Marked Down by Assassins Who Caused Murder of Royalist Leader.

PARIS, Friday.

It appears, from investigation regarding the death of the Royalist leader, M. Marius Plateau, that a plot has been discovered by which not only M. Daudet was selected to be murdered, but also M. Poincaré and the former War Minister, M. André Lefèvre, who has been writing a series of anti-German articles.

According to M. Lefèvre, this plot was organised by a foreign organisation.—*Exchange*.

TURKS WORK ALL NIGHT ON TREATY AT LAUSANNE.

Counter-Proposals on Points of Controversy.

WILL ISMET SIGN TO-MORROW?

LAUSANNE, Friday.

Following yesterday's conversations between Lord Curzon and Ismet Pasha, which chiefly concerned territorial questions and the captivities, the chiefs of the Allied delegations, with their experts, have been conferring all this morning.

Informal conversations between Lord Curzon and the Turkish delegation are being continued to-day. There is a growing belief that Lord Curzon, who is due to leave on Sunday night, will have signed the Treaty, or if for mechanical reasons, there is not time to prepare this, at least the signed protocol, in his pocket.

The Turkish delegation worked until four o'clock this morning dispatching telegrams to Ankara. They intend submitting counter-proposals on the points on which a divergence of view exists.

Ferid Bey, the diplomatic representative of the Turkish Government in Paris, who replaced M. Cevat Bey during his recent journey to Ankara and back, arrived here suddenly last night.

Questioned by French journalists regarding the object of his flying visit, Ferid Bey stated that he had come to confer with Ismet Pasha.

He added that negotiations with France would continue.—*Reuter*.

U.S.A. WAR DEBT PACT.

Recommendations To Be Submitted to President Harding To-day.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

The American Debt Funding Commissioners are expected to-day to complete the draft of their recommendation concerning the funding of the British Debt—*Exchange*.

The financial experts decided, says Reuter, to include the denomination of bonds.

The hope is expressed that the recommendations of the Commission will be ready for submission to-day to President Harding, who will transmit them to Congress early next week.

CHEAP HOUSING SCHEMES.

Many Towns Building Dwellings Without State Subsidy.

By Our Political Correspondent.

That it is possible to solve the housing problem without State subsidies is proved by some interesting facts supplied by the Ministry of Health yesterday.

Brighton, for example, has a scheme for twenty-four houses; Carlisle one for forty houses; Newcastle-on-Tyne, thirty-six; Doncaster, sixty; and Leicester, forty-four. Mincenhurst, in Lancashire, Tonbridge and Guildford have also schemes in hand.

The rents at which it is expected to let the houses range from 12s. 8d. to 5s. 6d. in the case of smaller houses at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The cost of the house-building, without land, sewers or streets, varies from £450 to as little as £300 at Leicester.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW PREMIER.

SYDNEY, Friday.

Mr. Stanley Bruce, the Commonwealth Treasurer, has been commissioned to form a new Ministry in succession to that of Mr. Hughes. The new Cabinet is expected to be composed entirely of Nationalists.—*Central News*.



Mr. W. M. Hughes has resigned Premiership of Australia.



Mr. George A. Wills has given £6,000 to Bristol Cathedral.

BURGLARS' SAFE COUP UNDER NOSE OF POLICE.

Gang Breaks Into Office That Was Watched.

ESCAPE BY MOTOR.

10cwt. Safe Containing £200 Carried Away.

A particularly daring safe robbery was carried out during the early hours of yesterday morning, under the very windows of the Lambeth Police Station, in Upper Kennington-lane.

The thieves got away with a safe containing about £200 in Treasury notes and money, belonging to the Lambeth Board of Guardians.

The scene of the robbery is a building in Renshaw-road, used as a branch office of the Lambeth relieving officers. It is practically overshadowed by the police station on the opposite corner.

Neither the caretaker, who lives at the top of the building, and is somewhat deaf, nor anyone else appears to have heard the burglars.

WALL CLIMBED—LOCK SMASHED.

They apparently effected an entrance by climbing over a wall at the back of the premises from a little-frequented lane. Then, after smashing the lock of the double gates, they obtained admittance to the waiting hall, and proceeded along a corridor to the room where the safe was kept.

They weighed between 8cwt. and 10cwt. The burglars evidently tried to force it open where it stood, for there were sand and cinders on the floor. Failing in this, they took it away bodily.

This meant that they had to trundle it a distance of between forty and fifty yards to get it outside the building. It is thought that a motor-car or small lorry was awaiting them, for the marks of the wheels were distinctly visible in the roadway.

POLICE WATCH WRONG SPOT.

Just before daybreak a policeman found the gates at the back broken and gave the alarm.

"The money was intended for relief cases to-day," Mr. Bryant, the chief relieving officer, told *The Daily Mirror*.

Our only consolation is that the loss might have been much worse. The thieves evidently had a knowledge of the working arrangements of the office, and they probably expected a bigger haul than they got. They might, as a matter of fact, have got away with £1,000.

It is understood that the police had been warned of the impending raid, and were watching the spot where their information had led them to expect the burglars to force an entrance, while the raiders were busy at the back of the building.

SCHOOL BURGLED.

Memorial Challenge Cup Among Silver Trophies Carried Off.

Thieves broke into St. Paul's School, West Kensington, by smashing one of the corridor doors, and stole £20 in Treasury notes, a number of silver trophies, including a beautiful challenge cup given by the Artists' Rifles in memory of the old boys who fell and served in the war.

The thieves also broke into the office of the bursar and removed the safe to another part of the building, where they cut it open and took other trophies.

NURSING HOME SCENE.

Dramatic Interview Between Husband and Ailing Wife and Other Man.

A dramatic scene between a husband and his wife and another man in a nursing home was described in the Divorce Court yesterday when Dr. Hugo Campbell Ross, a surgeon on a liner, was granted a decree nisi on the ground of his wife's misconduct with a Captain S. R. France.

Dr. Ross, in reply to Mr. Cotes Preedy, said the marriage was a plural one. In August, 1919, he complained of his wife's conduct with certain officers, but he forgave her.

After one of his voyages in 1921 he came to London and learned that his wife was in a nursing home at Moseley. He went there and saw her, and came to the conclusion that she was in a certain condition, which she denied.

Captain France came to the nursing home while he was there.

"I put it to him straight," said Dr. Ross, "and he admitted he had committed misconduct with my wife on several occasions."

I asked her if it was true, and she said "Yes."

MORE FREEDOM WANTED.

In imposing a nominal fine on a shopkeeper for selling cigarettes after hours, the West London magistrate yesterday observed: "It is a great nuisance that you cannot buy tobacco or cigarettes after eight o'clock."

"We were allowed a little more freedom in this country we should have much less trouble in the police courts."

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GIVING WAY?

SIGNS OF GERMANY YIELDING IN THE RUHR.

NONE of the disastrous incidents prophesied by our pessimists has yet occurred, as a consequence of further French pressure in the Ruhr.

On the contrary, difficulties seem to be disappearing.

Those anticipated in connection with strikes in the Cologne administrative area have not arisen.

Yesterday we heard that, in that area, the German railwaymen were everywhere resuming work. Thus the isolation of the Ruhr has been effected in the swiftest and quietest manner possible.

The news from Paris yesterday seems to show that, as a consequence of French firmness, the tide of German resistance is gradually turning.

For this, there may well be other contributory reasons.

In the first place, the mass of the German working population are by no means pleased with the régime of perpetual strikes.

The railway strikes have not troubled the French. They have only threatened the livelihood of thousands of German factory hands.

Next, the workers as well as the German Government are beginning to see that they have not helped themselves by making heroes of the Ruhr magnates, who will "let them down" as soon as they can conveniently do so.

These men, having made immense fortunes out of the fallen mark, are now posing as martyrs of nationalism. They have not suffered themselves. It may well be that the German workers are saying: "Why should we go on suffering for them?"

All this encourages us to conclude that France holds the strong cards in this game of bluff. France can wait. France will persevere. Therefore France will win.

MARRIED TYRANNY.

Lord BUCKMASTER has again "let fly," with eloquent fervour, against the ecclesiastical and other opponents of his "easier" Divorce Bill.

It is surely intelligible that he should protest against misrepresentations of his aim.

That word "easier," for instance.

Should it not be merely "simpler" or "more just"?

Part of his aim is to do away with the very bad "judicial separation" system which our stricter moralists seem to cling to as somehow better than divorce. Their morality also approves the forced union of people who "loathe the sight of each other."

But a life of mutual hatred cannot be good, either for the husband and wife, bound only by law, or for those about them who may be daily and hourly witnesses of their quarrels.

Finally at a time when so much has been done for the equality of men and women in other respects, can it be possible long to delay their equality also as regards Divorce?

Is it not a little strange that those same well-meaning moralists make so many distinctions, as regards conduct? Are not cruelty or unfaithfulness things to be blamed in men as well as in women?

IN MY GARDEN.

Feb. 2.—Winter work in the garden should be completed without delay. Finish the trimming of deciduous hedges and the pruning of trees. Remove weeds and grass growing round young fruit trees.

Climbing roses must be thinned and trained before young growth commences. Remove plenty of last year's flowering shoots from rambler varieties, carefully tying in the new wood.

In a warm house or frame onions and lettuce may be sown in boxes, also antirrhinums and sweet peas.

E. F. T.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

Our Readers on Public Schools—Adopted Children—The Carnival Spirit in England—Theatre Programmes.

SCHOOL REMINISCENCES.

MAY I support your correspondent "One Who Remembers" statement in respect of the prefectorial system?

I have myself had some experience of it, and my view is that such a set of bloated demigods never adorned the face of this earth.

In my opinion, there is too much resemblance to the feudal system in public schools. The head submits his authority to the assistant masters, who transfer theirs to the "bigger boys," who are too often premature blackguards.

J. A. FLETCHER-REECE.

THERE was little bullying at my school, and the bully had a bad time when he was discovered; but there was organised and unorganised ragging, a very different thing.

Undoubtedly on those occasions the "ragged" were not always gently handled, but it is a fact

BATTLES OF FLOWERS.

THE battles of flowers and coming carnivals reported from the Riviera make me wish I were in France, where most towns have public festivities in which the poor as well as the rich find a great source of fun.

Few of us, unfortunately, can spare the time and expense of a Continental trip, and I should like to know whether organised rejoicings of the above type would not bring more brightness into our lives, especially seaside resorts, in spring and summer.

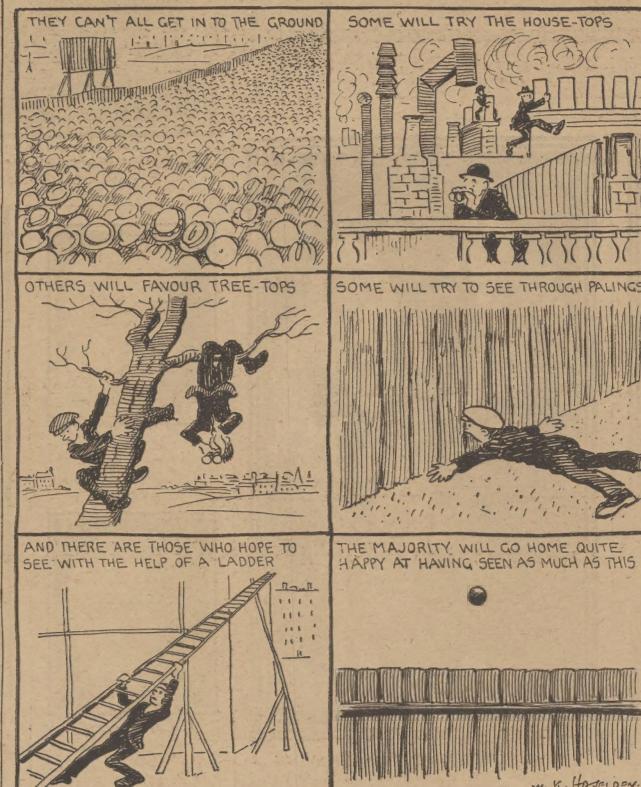
Battles of flowers and carnivals, besides causing laughter to appear on every face, are a boon to numerous small trades.

N. C. L.

THE "CUCKOO" MOTHER.

WILLIE thoroughly agreeing with Mr. Julian Hare in his condemnation of the cuckoo mother, I question if he is right in arguing that

THE FASCINATION OF FOOTBALL.



It is so great that many of those who crowd to to-day's matches will be contented with an occasional glimpse of the ball.

that the large majority enjoyed it . . . and it would have been a dishonour not to participate, as only (notice this point) the too small, too weak, or too sensitive were left out.

OLD TONBRIDGEAN.

DURING two years' actual experience as a "fag" at a public school just before the war, I do not remember anyone indulging in bullying to any great extent.

There was a small amount of ragging and "mobbing," unpleasant enough for the person concerned, but it would be unusual for a senior to stoop so low as to join in ragging a second termer for example.

Ostracism, more to be feared than bullying, is probably the cause of a good deal of unhappiness at school.

OLD UPPINGHAMIAN.

[The above are a small selection from the great number of letters we are receiving on this subject.]

SOUND IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

YOUR leader blames architects for designing public buildings with no regard for beauty, and for their not being places in which voices or music should be distinctly heard.

But the laws of acoustics are so complicated and governed by such an infinite variety of details—as such as distance, loftiness, materials, subsoils—that it must always be a matter of conjecture whether halls, courts or theatres will be free of echoes and "sound pockets."

SCIENTIST.

BRIGHTER PROGRAMMES.

As a frequent theatregoer I appeal against the uninviting look of programmes.

Years ago they were a real pleasure to the eye, with their coloured and artistic covers.

A friend of mine made a most interesting and valuable collection of them. They were opened with relish and expectation.

Nowadays they are mostly dull and drab in appearance, and do not make one thirst for the information they contain or the performance they announce.

AN OLD PLAYGOER.

THEATRES AND THE

"WIRELESS" BOOM.

NO NEED FOR MANAGERS TO FEAR COMPETITION.

By VAUGHAN DRYDEN.

ONE of their periodical waves of panic is passing over the theatre managers.

This time it is the bogey broadcasting which is harrowing up their souls and freezing their blood.

They have dreadful visions of all the people who ought to be eagerly buying their stalls and boxes sitting at home and listening-in.

Possibly they are crying out before they are

There is more in going to a theatre than merely listening to an actor's or singer's voice. In the theatre the eye as well as the ear is employed; and the expressive glance or gesture is as much a part of the mummer's stock-in-trade as the voice. One could broadcast Miss Marie Tempest's silvery tones but not the lift of her eloquent eyebrow or the twinkle in her speaking eye.

These must be seen to be enjoyed, and how can you listen-in to gesture and byplay, which often convey more than the spoken word?

Can you broadcast Mr. George Robey's look of pained surprise at his audience's unchecked hilarity?

Many actors are able to express more with a look than with a "line." Those who are content with listening-in miss nine-tenths of the performance.

People seem to forget that "going to the theatre" is an enjoyment in itself which sitting at home with a wireless set cannot hope to rival. The theatre is no place like home!

This great fact has been recognised for many years.

It was William Makepeace Thackeray who asked a stupid acquaintance if he liked going to the play. "What play?" asked the literal-minded dullard. "The play, sir!" roared the great novelist.

GOING TO THE PLAY.

How well he knew human nature! To a well-regulated mind there is something enjoyable in the very aspect of a crowded playhouse, and in the electric communion of so many minds intent on the same quest.

Then to the woman playgoer there is the great joy of criticising other women's coiffures and frocks, a joy that never palls, and of wondering who the people in the boxes are. To a keen playgoer the auditorium is as much a part of the show as the stage. Likewise, the actresses' gowns afford a never-failing topic of interest to the women in the audience, and these cannot be broadcasted!

Besides these good and sufficient reasons, there are other factors which will prevent people from giving up to wireless what was meant for the theatre. Our playgoings is a social function as well as an amusement.

You would ask a person to go to the theatre, when you would not dream of saying, "Come home and listen-in with me." A couple of theatre tickets is a compliment from a town friend comparable with a pheasant or a hare from a country friend.

Yes, science has undoubtedly made great strides, but its resources would be greatly strained to provide a complete substitute for the playhouse. This theatre-going has so much more to it than merely "seeing a show." There is also the cosy after-theatre supper, and even the journey home, which everybody pretends to hate, has its good points.



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If you have dandruff your hair will become dry and thin. Cuticura Ointment gently removes the scalp of dandruff and itching. Use Cuticura Ointment with Cuticura Soap, which does much to prevent such a condition.

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Cuticura Soap shaves without mug.

IRISH FREE STATE'S AIR FLEET IN BEING



One of the new Irish Free State aeroplanes which, it is stated, are to be used in a determined air offensive against Republicans. Inset, General MacSweeney, right, and General Russell, first and second in command.



SURREY FOXHUNTING.—Hon. J. McDonnell, son of the Earl of Antrim, making friends with the hounds at Surrey Old and Burstow Foxhound meet, Cowden.



STILTED DIGNITY.—The marabout stork at the London Zoo considers that the photographer is taking an unwarrantable liberty.

LADY GRIGG'S WEDDING GUESTS



June Hope, Henry Swash and Betty Wiles, the three children for whose care and education Lady Grigg has made herself responsible.



Mrs. PHILIP McCarthy.—Mrs. McCarthy, of Monmouthshire, who has just celebrated the "diamond" anniversary of her wedding to—



Mr. PHILIP McCarthy.—The King and Queen sent a letter of congratulation to the pair on the happy occasion, and also received a number of messages of a similar character from less exalted folk.



In the garden after their return from London.
Special front-pew seats were reserved at the wedding of the Hon. Joan Dickson-Poynder, now Lady Grigg, for these three Wiltshire children, whom she has, in a manner adopted."



M.P.'s SON WEDS.—Mr. James Alfred Stockton, son of Sir Edwin Stockton, M.P., married to Miss Phyllis Marsden, at St. John's Church, Altrincham, Cheshire.



Only the overflow from a big catch of herrings.

HUGE HAULS OF HERRING.—Enormous quantities of herring are being caught off the south coast of Devonshire. Prices have fallen so low in consequence that tons of good fish have been thrown away.



Unloading fish from the herring-laden boats.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women and Affairs in General



Dr. Alexander Scott, F.R.S., the scientist, who has isolated a new element, "hahnium."



Miss Ann Trevor, who has made a success in the new comedy, "The Young Idea."

ROYALTY AND THE RIVIERA

Business and Scholarship — Wedding Fashions — A Society Mannequin.

PRINCE GEORGE danced nearly every dance (says my Riviera correspondent) at the party given in his honour by the Countess of Lansborough at the Eden Hotel, Cap D'Ail. Besides the Duke of Connaught and the Duchess of Argyll, there were many distinguished guests from Monte Carlo and Mentone. Lady Cynthia Mosley, Sir Sidney Greville and Major Levett were amongst those present. It is believed at Cannes that the Prince of Wales will take a short holiday there.

The Prince and His Friends.

The Hon. Richard Norton has been entertaining some of his friends at his new house, 18, Cowley-street, Westminster. It is an attractive little place, with nice paneling. The Prince of Wales was there a few nights ago and danced with the care-free air which is only possible to royalties when they are amongst their intimates. Mrs. Norton, who is a daughter of Sir David and Lady Kinloch, is abroad at the moment, but will soon be back. She is dark and petite, like her great friend, Mrs. Dudley Ward.

"Velazquez" Wedding.

It is becoming the fashion to dress a bridal retinue in the style set by some great painter. The Hon. Lady Grigg's attendants were after Van Dyck, and now I learn that Miss Anstruther-Gray, who is marrying Lord Stratheden and Campbell on Tuesday, has chosen Velazquez for the inspirer of the frocks to be worn by the little people who are to attend her. The whole of the wedding is being carried out in a scheme of white and gold.

Lady Horlick.

Miss Roma Horlick, who is to marry Lord Dartmouth's son, is the daughter of Lady Horlick. Lady Horlick is a successful authoress. She is not only literary in her tastes, but is fond of tennis and golf. She has a delightful house at Coombe in close proximity to the links—so close that a pulled drive from the first tee might easily damage a window!

Time-Saving in Whitehall.

I hear that many of the higher officials in Government offices are now supplied with rubber stamps bearing their facsimile signatures. These stamps save them the labour of signing their names hundreds of times per day. Initial stamps are also supplied to officials.

When the Pie Was Opened!

Burley Hall, Rutland, where the Cottesmore Hunt Ball was held last night, stands in a park of 1,085 acres, which is enclosed by a stone wall nearly six miles in circuit. It was here that the famous dwarf, Jeffrey Hudson, made his first appearance before Charles I. and his Court, being served up from under the crust of a cold pie!

Home Again.

Lady Maureen Stanley, who has been in the South of France with her husband, the Hon. Oliver Stanley, is back home at Springfield, Oakham, where she is having some friends for the hunt ball. Lady Maureen is Lady Londonderry's eldest daughter, and looks so much like her mother that it is sometimes difficult to distinguish them!



Lady Maureen Stanley, did Lady Cranborne, one of the prettiest of the young married women of to-day.

Cottesmore Ball.

Lady B. A. Bradford looked very well at the Cottesmore Hunt ball, which was held at Burley-on-the-Hill this year instead of in the town hall. She came with Lady Ancaster's party, and so did Lady Cranborne, one of the prettiest of the young married women of to-day.

Queen of Dinard.

The news of the death of that wonderful old lady, Mrs. Hughes Hallet, "the Queen of Dinard," as she was called, has caused great sorrow among her numerous friends. The possessor of a magnificent villa, Montplaisir, at Dinard, she entertained in a lavish style, and was the most popular personage in that fashionable French holiday resort. Mrs. Hughes Hallet was an American and the widow of Colonel Hughes Hallet. She lived for some years in London, but was never so well known here as in Dinard.

Paula the Mannequin.

Miss Paula Gellibrand, Society's beautiful mannequin, is to marry, and her fiancé is the Marquis de Casa Maury. Miss Gellibrand, who was first introduced into Society by the Baroness d'Erlanger, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke Gellibrand. A beautiful girl, with classic features and perfect figure, she has, for a hobby, been acting as a mannequin in a well-known West End modiste's, where she has met with great success.

The Way to Do It.

Here is a typical story of the late Professor Sir Walter Raleigh, whose posthumous book, "Laughter from a Cloud," has just been published. He found himself at a banquet on one occasion sitting to the left of a lady to whom he had not been introduced. Anxious to find out who she was in the most courteous manner possible he asked her, "Before we begin, can you tell me the name of the charming lady on my right?"

Anglo-American Actresses.

Frances Carson, who is to play the lead in "The Love Habit" at the Royalty Theatre with Seymour Hicks and Dennis Eddie, is an English girl who received her theatrical training in the United States. She has often been amused by people saying "You know, you don't talk a bit like an American." Most of her American engagements have been to play the parts of English girls. One of her greatest successes was in "The Bad Man," which Matheson Lang intends to produce in London.

How It Happened.

Miss Carson came to England last year for a holiday. She had booked her passage back when she met Holman Clark, who decided that she was just the girl for the heroine in "Glamour." He asked her to stay and try her luck. She did, and it was good luck. She was hailed as a new "star."

Smoking in Theatres.

At the first performance of "The Young Idea," at the Savoy Theatre, some exuberant young people in a box started to smoke. "Put out those cigarettes," came a stentorian command from the gallery. I sympathise with the galleries. Smoking is not permitted at the Savoy, and what is sauce for the gallery is sauce also for the boxes. But at most West End theatres the smoking rule is ignored by a few people who chew the reflective cigarette holder even as they calmly read the prohibitory notice in the programme.

In the Fumes!

There may come a time when smoking is allowed in every theatre. The late George Alexander was strongly against it, so was Treas and John Hare once told me he would consider it an insult if any member of his audience wanted to smoke. Smoking, I am convinced, can be overdone. In a theatre the fumes travel backwards, and to sit behind a row of cigarettes (Russian blend!) and cigars of doubtful vintage is to make one wish that the snuff habit had never gone out!

Revard's Hiding-places.

During a run of the Liangibby Hounds (Monmouthshire) the other day a fox took refuge in a drawing-room and then a kitchen. Some of the strange places where foxes have been include Broughton Astley Church, near Leicester, while the congregation was assembling; down a farmhouse chimney from the roof, where the fire was raked out, and left by the Essex and Suffolk; a mineral water factory in the Atherstone country, while a fox took refuge beside a ploughman and his team on one occasion during a run by Mr. Fermie's Hounds.

Scholars in Business.

Mr. Walter Leaf, who, as chairman of the Westminster Bank, has been holding out hopes of a real revival of trade, is a standing example of the truth that scholarship need be no impediment to success in commerce and finance. His position in the Classical Tripos at Cambridge was a very high one; and, after Butcher's death, he became one of Andrew Lang's partners in the translation of the Iliad.

Poet-Banker.

Bankers, indeed, have often distinguished themselves in the paths of scholarship and literature. Samuel Rogers, the poet-banker, was probably the first of them to be famous. At a later date appeared Grote, the banker, who wrote the best of all histories of Greece, and Thomas Hodgkin, distinguished for his monumental work on "Italy and Her Invaders." He was a partner in the banking firm of Hodgkin, Barnett and Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, subsequently incorporated in Lloyds Bank.

Cotton and Culture.

There have also been some great scholars among our manufacturers. The outstanding example is Roby, a Lancashire cotton spinner, who, after being Senior Classic at Cambridge, wrote a wonderfully exhaustive Latin Grammar. He afterwards entered Parliament, and had a passage of arms with Lord Randolph Churchill, who, with characteristic audacity, pretended to be unfamiliar with his name and quoted him, on a Lancashire platform, as "your member, Mr. Booby."

Marriage Ban.

The L.C.C. report suggesting that women teachers should be required to resign their posts on marriage, would, if accepted, bring the teaching profession into line with the Civil Service. For in Whitehall the rule, though relaxed during the war, has always been that the woman clerk must choose between marriage and the official life. In these hard times, when young "permanent" women clerks are enjoying good salaries, the rule is a direct deterrent to the married state!



Miss Betty Hawkins, a debutante, is the daughter of Anthony Hope, the novelist.



Lady Creedy, wife of Sir Herbert J. Creedy, Secretary of the War Office.

Veteran Author.

The Rev. S. Baring-Gould, who has just entered upon his ninetieth year, is now engaged upon a volume entitled "Middle-Aged Reminiscences of My Life," which will not be published until ten years after his death. Mr. Baring-Gould has now about a hundred books to his credit, including a number of novels, while he is represented, I suppose, in every collection of hymns in the English language.

Famous Hymn.

Of those hymns by far the most popular is "Onward, Christian soldiers." This well-known hymn was first published in the *Church Times* in 1865, and has since that date gone round the world. Some years ago an American minister, disapproving of the hymn's military phraseology, wrote an alternative version, entitled "Onward, Christian workers!"

New Valentine Story.

Readers with pleasant memories of the serial stories which Valentine has written for *The Daily Mirror* will be pleased to learn that "Dolf Runs Away," the new serial which begins in to-morrow's *Sunday Pictorial* is by this popular author.

Should Parents Choose?

"Dolf," the heroine of Valentine's latest romance, is a very modern young lady, who resents marrying a suitor favoured by her parents and determines to make her own choice and find happiness for herself. Around her rebellion against an arranged marriage Valentine has woven a charming and appealing story.

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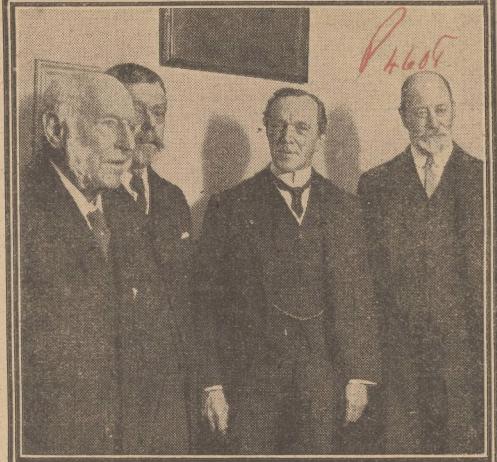
Enjoying the morning sunshine outside the casino at Monte Carlo. It is a picture to make envious those unable to indulge in a Mediterranean holiday.



Mrs. and Miss Jones Milton, two well-known English sojourners on the Riviera. They carry the popular parti-coloured sunshades which add to the general effect of brightness and gaiety.



A SHELL-LIKE EFFECT.—A charming new creation by Pifinella of cinnamon corded ribbon very cunningly and effectively fashioned. It is an admirable frame for a pretty face.—(*Daily Mirror*.)



Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee (third from left), who opened the Beresford Memorial Seamen's Rest at Wellclose-square, E., yesterday, with Admiral Sir E. Fremantle (extreme left) and Admiral Sir F. Brock, and Captain Sir Acton Blake (right).



By way of comparison with the giant tarp in Florida. The huge



VAIN SACRIFICE.—William Woolley (centre), who each year makes a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Therese in Lisieux, France, in company with the hope of securing a cure for his wife, who died of cancer. The wife died last year, but Woolley still goes on his pilgrimage.



HELICOPTER SUCCESS.—The De Bothezat helicopter, which made a successful ascent of about four feet, carrying two men, at Dayton, Ohio. This may seem a small performance, but it creates a new record in this important department of aviation.



Lockhead, Partridge and Livesley, of Manchester United, who play the Spurs, take exercise on the links.



Some of the Millwall team getting ready for their match with Huddersfield, the Cup-holders.

TO-DAY'S CUP-TIES.—London has four of the sixteen Cup-ties this afternoon. The Spurs are expected to beat Manchester United, but Millwall will have a hard struggle with Huddersfield, and a draw is quite likely.



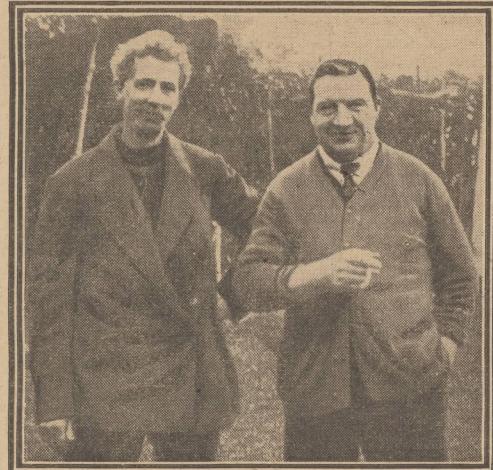
Miss Marion Tomsett, who plays a leading part.



Mr. Matthews (right), author of a pantomime revue which has proved immensely popular at the Town Hall. The elaborate sets

CATCH

HEROES OF SEA SALVAGE



Mr. Wellard, landlord of the Green Man, St. Margarets (right), and Mr. Atkins, a skilled boatman, who rowed out to the stranded 10,000-ton Belgian steamer Wenspier, and succeeded in extricating the great vessel from its perilous position.



QUITE A NEW IDEA. — A tube and bus automatic "booking office" installed in a London West End store. It is a convenience apparently much appreciated by the customers, and no doubt will speedily be installed elsewhere.

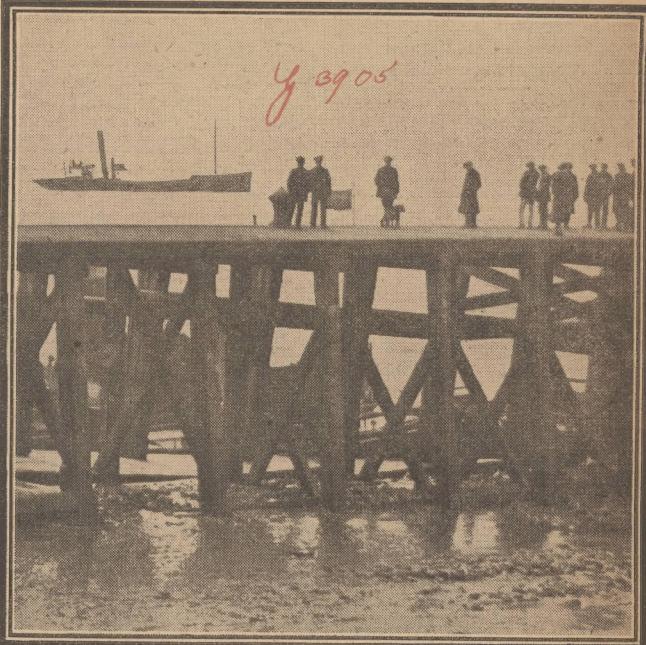


The authors as they appear in their
every-day roles.



NOVEL NEST.—Hens belonging to Mrs. Winter, of Pentney, Norfolk, which have made a habit of using a child's cradle for nesting purposes. They deposit their eggs without taking any notice of the baby occupant.

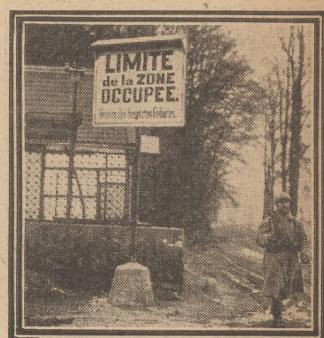
SIX LOST IN HULL DISASTER



The scene of the sinking at Hull yesterday of a North-Eastern Railway dredger, which turned turtle and in which six men were drowned. The vessel in the background marks the spot where she went down.



A LA MILITAIRE.—A Fifinella hat of nigger straw marocain with a cockade of nigger and blue corded ribbon for its simple but highly-effective decoration. The effect is exceedingly smart.



RUHR'S END.—The limit of the zone of French occupation in the Ruhr area which has now been isolated from the rest of Germany by a cordon of troops.



BLESSING THROATS.—The “blessing of St. Blaize,” patron saint of the throat, at St. Ethelreda’s Church, Ely-place, London, on the feast of Candlemas. It is a ceremony sanctified by age-old tradition.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE GAS LIGHT & COKE COMPANY

Cheaper Gas: The Therm System.
NO INCREASED DANGER FROM GAS:
BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR THE INDUSTRY.

The two hundred and sixteenth ordinary general meeting of the proprietors of the Gas Light & Coke Company was held at Horseferry-road, Westminster, on February 2. Mr. D. Milne Watson (the governor of the company) presided. The secretary, Mr. W. L. Galbraith, read the notice convening the meeting. The report and accounts were taken as read. The chairman said,—

Ladies and Gentlemen.—Before proceeding to deal with the accounts in detail I would like to refer to the great loss which our shareholders have sustained during the year by the death of their late colleague Sir Daniel Ford Goddard. Sir Daniel had been a director of the company for six years and during that time not only endeared himself to us as a man, but was a most valuable aid in our counsels, having great experience and influence both in the gas industry and in the political world. His loss is deeply deplored by us.

The directors have filled the vacant place on the board by electing Mr. Harold Brewer Hartley as director. Mr. Hartley has had life-long experience in chemical matters and his knowledge will be of the greatest benefit to this company which, as you are aware, has a large chemical side to its activities.

Dealing now with the accounts.

I should like to point out that from July 1 they include the figures of the British Gas Company, with which it amalgamated at that date, and this must be borne in mind in considering the details.

Taking first the Capital Account, you will see that we have spent £54,320 on new and additional mains, £84,549 on new and additional meters and £186,732 on new and additional stoves, making a total expenditure of £326,101 against which we have written off the sum of £416,500—£329,000 of which was in respect of special depreciation on ships which we now written down to a reasonable figure per ton.

There has, therefore, been a reduction in the fixed capital of the Company of £90,000.

The total Capital of the Company, including Ilford, now amounts to just under £30,000,000. I propose now how to pass to the Revenue account.

LARGE INCREASE IN BUSINESS.

It is gratifying to report that there has been an increase of 84 per cent. in the business of the Company during the year. This I think you will agree with me is very satisfactory, considering the industrial depression which exists in London as generally throughout the country. The receipts for individuals may also be regarded as satisfactory, there being a decrease in the revenue from coke of £576,000, due to the fact that the prices for coal and other fuels have gone down very materially during the year.

On the debit side of the account you will see that after having made a charge in respect of depreciation of ships, to which I have already referred, we have made a saving in coal of £100,000, and have also made a saving in oil of £357,000, wages and salaries being in manufacture and distribution, show a decrease though from the figures given in the report the salaries do not appear to have come down to the same extent as wages. This is not, however, actually the case, as there has been a considerable addition to the number of officers owing to transfers from the weekly staff during the past year. Large reductions in salaries have been made.

You will see that repair and maintenance charges were nearly the same as in 1921. In one or two cases the expenditure was even a little higher. The reason why there has not been a decrease is that as you are aware, we have had to meet the enormous arrears of repairs to overtake after the War. These deferred repairs in the case of Works and Plant I am glad to say are almost completed, and there should be a reduction of expenditure under this heading in the future.

CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SCHEME.

You will notice there has been an increase in the charges for annuities to officers and workmen. This is due to the initiation of a contributory pension scheme for all workers which commenced its operation on January 1 of the current year. In order to start a fund of this description it is necessary that a lump sum should be placed to its credit, and part of the total amount required has been accumulated by a deduction against the item of annuities during the year under review.

I am glad to say that the past year has been a successful one, not only from the point of view of gas as a gas, but also from the point of view of the Company's financial position. At the end of the year we owed our Bankers over three-quarters of a million, now the position that we have on deposit the sum of £200,000 and £200,000 invested. This shows that the Company is in a strong financial position. This is most important in view of the war at present existing in Europe and the great uncertainty as to markets generally.

The results of the past year are eminently satisfactory, not only for the Shareholders, but the Consumers.

STEADY FALL IN PRICE OF GAS.

Look at the price of gas. At the end of 1921 it was 2d. per therm and is now 1d. per therm, cr. for the benefit of those who prefer to think in cubic feet, as the end of 1921 the price per thousand cubic feet was 6d. and now 5d. per thousand cubic feet. The reductions made during the year represent an actual saving to the consumers of the Company of £1,306,000. The accounts, it is true only show gas 2d. per therm, but the reason is that there was an increase in the consumption of gas.

As was announced in the papers on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the Directors have given notice to their shareholders that the price of gas will be 1d. to 2d. per therm, or from 4d. to 3d. 1d. per therm, as from the taking of the meter indices in March. I am sure that this reduction will give general satisfaction.

The price of gas in 1913 was 2s. 6d. per 1,000 cubic feet, therefore our price just announced will be very little more than 50 per cent. above the pre-war price. The increase in the cost of the gas is mainly due to the fact that the price of gas is well below the general average price of commodities in this country at the present time.

There should be nothing but satisfaction with this price. I look forward with confidence to the use of gas for all purposes being considerably extended. Coming now to the Dividends, the Company paid a dividend of £5 4s. in respect of the half-year, a similar dividend for the December half-year. This, together with dividends on the Preference and Maximum Stocks and on the other charges recommended will absorb £209,000 leaving a sum of £244,000 as against £148,000 for the year before. We have carried £50,000 on the special purposes fund, and propose placing the sum of £22,000 to the Reserve Fund.

To sum up, the accounts for the year show that in respect of the June half-year dividends have been paid at the rate of 4d. per cent. on the 31 per cent. preference and 10s. per cent. on the 10s. per cent. per annum on the 31 per cent. Maximum Stock and £5 4s. per cent. on the Ordinary Stock, and out of the available balance of £244,000, the Directors recommend the payment of the following dividends in respect of the December half-year:

4d. per cent. on the 4 per cent. Preference Stock and 2d. 10s. per cent. on the 31 per cent. Maximum Stock and 25 1/4s. per cent. per annum on the 31 per cent. Maximum Stock and £5 4s. per cent. on the Ordinary Stock.

£22,000 to the Reserve Fund and a sum of £20,000 to the Reserve Fund.

There is nothing whatever to do with the accident.

Our gas mains and apparatus are in good condition and that examinations which are made by our expert main inspectors when the streets are being repaired, prove that the same is so.

The gas mains are not liable to escape due to escaping gas from mains in the streets finding its way into houses is a total of only 19 during a period of four years.

Last year when I addressed you, an agitation with regard to Carbon-monoxide had just been taken up and dealt with the question fully at that time and in view of what is being said at the present moment it is well that I should once more state the position clearly.

Carbon-monoxide is held in both coal gas and water gas, both of which is an explosive and cannot be removed.

NO CHANGE IN GAS SUPPLIED.

The percentage of Carbon-monoxide in the mixed gas now being supplied by the Company is the same as was supplied when the War broke out and for many years before that, and it is quite wrong to say that the amount of Carbon-monoxide has recently been due to any alteration in the composition of the gas.

There has been no change in the method of manufacture for over forty years.

As has been pointed out before in America, some of the most important cities are supplied with carbureted water gas only.

We have during the past 12 months been supplying coal gas containing 7 per cent. of Carbon-monoxide there is no reason whatever for assuming that the number of accidents would have been any fewer. Compulsory limitation in this respect would impede the progress of this country. The vast majority of Gas Undertakings in this Country have a heavy financial burden in the provision of a coal-gas plant with the inevitable result of increasing very considerably the price of gas, and that would be disastrous.

The public, I think, have been impressed by the number of fatalities which have occurred recently, but I would point out that the majority of these were due to the use of gas in the home, naturally, always bound to be people who desire to do away with themselves, and there are many methods by which they can be employed. It is my first belief that the publicity which has of recent years been given to the evils of sulphur gas in directly responsible for the method having been employed with greater frequency.

THE COMPARATIVE SAFETY OF GAS.

In a matter of this kind one is in difficulty because one does not wish to appear unsympathetic, but facts must be looked at in the face.

It can only be said that gas could be made perfectly innocuous, but it must be remembered, also, that practically everything we use do has an element of danger in instances, petrol, electricity, coal fires, oil lamps and stoves, motor traction, railway travelling, etc., etc.

With regard to accidents as distinct from suicides, the following figures show a very favourable comparison between accidents due to gas and other causes.

Deaths due to gas represent about two and a half per million per annum of the population.

Deaths from railway accidents twenty-two per million per annum.

Deaths due to street accidents in London 100 per million per annum of the population.

Deaths from coal fires 1,000 per million per annum.

Deaths from gas fires in the year 1919 (the last year for which the Registrar-General's complete figures are available) not less than 992 inquests were held on children under five who had been fatally burnt, hardly accidents with domestic coal fires (configurations excluded).

It should not be forgotten that the use of gas is one of the most important means for abolishing smoke and its attendant fog.

It has been suggested that in our large cities one day's fog causes as many deaths as are due to gas in the whole country in twelve months. Fog has been known almost to double London's normal death rate, and it is as much as that.

It has been suggested that there is some mysterious difference in the composition of the gas supplied before and since the War, and that the gas as it stands now is more dangerous than the gas being the same as it has been for many years past. The Company do not supply odourless gas, and there is no cause for the Consumers to be nervous, and they may go to use gas again, as they have been used to do in the past, and as their forefathers have done.

Another subject which has given rise to a certain amount of discussion is the question of calorific value of gas, and it may be well for me to say something on this subject to-day.

GAS NOW PRE-WAR QUALITY.

Before the War, the Company was working to a penalty standard of 500 B.Th.U. per cubit foot, but in point of fact was supplying a gas of somewhat higher quality. The Company was then using a mixture of coal and owing to the fact that the Company was called upon to extract benzole and toloul from the gas, the quality was reduced to something like 450 B.Th.U. when it became necessary for the Company to declare on April 1, 1918, a rate of calorific value of the gas to be supplied it was decided to declare a standard of 475 B.Th.U., which was the quality then being supplied. The Company was then compelled to do this because the stoppage was taking place it was not wise to declare any higher quality. As a permanent standard, however, a gas of 475 B.Th.U. was, in the opinion of the Company, the best standard to be adopted.

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PIP AND SQUEAK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1923

THE ADVENTURES OF PIP, SQUEAK AND WILFRED

No. 69.—WILFRED "BAITS" A LOBSTER DURING EXCITING GAME OF "FORTY THIEVES."



1. Seeing a number of baskets (really "lobster-pots") on the beach, the pets thought they were "treasures."



2. They peeped inside two of the baskets but there was no sign of gold or jewels.



3. "I know, let's play at 'Forty Thieves!'" cried Pip, jumping into one of the baskets.



4. Wilfred, of course, wanted to be a "thief" too and he hopped merrily into a third basket.



5. No sooner was he inside, however, than he set up a terrific squealing and howling!



6. "It must be some monster inside!" cried Squeak. Pip turned over Wilfred's basket—



7. —and out dashed the little rabbit with a big lobster clinging to his tail!



8. Just by Aunt Fanny's house the lobster released its grip and Wilfred went spinning!



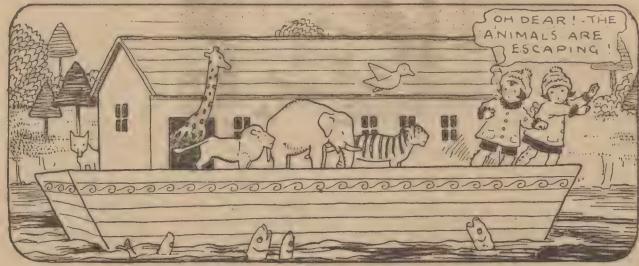
9. In the end the lobster was taken "prisoner." The excitement, as you see, was too much for Squeak.

BILLY AND BENDY IN TOYLAND: No. 7

The children are floating on a Noah's Ark, and Billy unwisely opens the door.



1. The ark went floating on down the river. "What a jolly boat it makes!" exclaimed Bendy. "I'm going to open this funny little door!" said Billy.



2. No sooner had he opened it than out rushed a lion—then a tiger—then an elephant—a monkey—and all sorts of other animals! The animals of the ark had escaped. "Oh, dear! What shall we do?" cried the children, rushing to the other end. They didn't know that the animals were only made of wood!



3. "Dive into the river!" cried Billy. Bendy didn't wait to be told twice; in she sprang, and her little brother followed her with a splash!

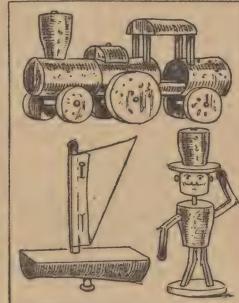
WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW? YOU WILL FIND OUT IN NEXT SATURDAY'S JOLLY INSTALMENT.

THE HUNGRY PUSSY DID NOT SEE

CORK TOYS.
Fun for Clever Boys and Girls.

WITH a few old corks you can make lots of jolly little toys. The only tool you need is a penknife, and the corks, with a pin or a match-stick here and there, complete your outfit.

For instance, look at the splendid train, made entirely of corks, match-sticks and pins. If you carefully ex-



amine the picture, you will soon see how it is made.

A boat is another fine thing to make. Take one cork in the bottom to keep the balance when it is afloat, a match-stick for a sail, and a piece of stiff paper fastened with a long pin—and there you are, your boat is made!

Next to the boat you will see a picture of a man, also made with corks and match-sticks. See if you can make one like it.

MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—

I have had another letter from the "president" of the so-called "Anti-Wilfred, Pip and Squeak League," but it is hardly worth bothering about. They claim to have many new members, who are all pledged to "put down"—whatever that means—our famous pets. On the other hand, it is cheering to receive a letter like the following, which I found in my post-bag this morning. I have not altered the grammar or the spelling:

"Dear Uncle Dick,—We can't let the A.W.P. and S.L. go on, can we? No! Down with the A.W.P. and S.L.! The Wilfridists will extirpate them! The Wilfridists will hurl them from their giddy pinnacle [pinnacle?] of power to the depths of dire disgrace! Be not afraid, millions of Wilfridists will flock to the pets' banner."

"WILFRIDISTS" TO THE RESCUE!

You would think that such a stirring letter was written by a boy, but imagine my surprise when I found it was from a girl—a girl with the quiet, meek-and-mild name of Ursula, by the way.

Well, I am sure Ursula's indignation is shared by almost all my nephews and nieces. It would be quite easy to collect a huge army of "Wilfridists" to squash the "A.W.P. and S.L.," but—it isn't worth the trouble. We can just laugh at them and pity them.

Pip, Squeak and Wilfred have had a most interesting holiday at the seaside with Aunt Fanny. I like the way Wilfred caught a lobster, don't you?

Your affectionate
Uncle Dick.

A MUSIC PUZZLE.
You Can Win £2 10s.
If You Try!

seeing that No. 1 is a kettle-drum.

Now tackle the others!

For the correct and neatest solutions, written on a card, I am awarding the following handsome prizes:

First Prize	£2 10 0
Second Prize	2 0 0
Third Prize	1 10 0
Forty Prizes of	0 5 0
Forty Prizes of	0 2 6

Send your entry, with your name, age and address, to Uncle Dick (Music), "Pip and Squeak," care of *The Daily Mirror*, 29, Bauverie-street, London, E.C. 4, to reach this office before February 11. Only children under sixteen may compete.

ADVENTURES OF HELPFUL HORACE:

The little parrot is anything but helpful this week!



1. Horace was teasing poor "Goosey, goosey gander" for all he was worth.



2. But the naughty parrot didn't notice that he was walking into a puddle—



3. —until suddenly he found himself covered all over with mud!

START THIS FINE SERIAL TO-DAY



By RICHARD BARNES.

FOR NEW READERS.

Derek Worlock, son of a famous explorer, sees his father off on an expedition. Through a series of misfortunes he finds himself stranded without any friends except a milkman and his wife, who have taken pity on him. He gets a post in an office and finds a five-pound note lying on the floor.

THE FIVE-POUND NOTE.

DEREK was so astonished to see the five-pound note lying among the heap of rubbish that at first he could hardly believe his eyes. But a second glance showed him that the note was real enough.

Five pounds!

What a lot he could do with it if it were his! He could buy some new clothes, pay Mr. and Mrs. Binks for all their kindness to him; perhaps even find his uncle, who thought he had been killed in the fire.

"I wonder who it belongs to?" he thought. "Perhaps it won't ever be missed." He put the note together, a flush on his face. Just for a moment he had been almost tempted to say nothing of his discovery. He turned to Mr. Warren's desk.

"Please, sir," he said, "I've just found this five-pound note. Does it belong to you?"

Mr. Warren looked up quickly and examined the note. "How stupid of me!" he muttered. "I left it on my desk, meaning to get it changed, and must have carelessly swept it off with all the other envelopes. Thank you very much, sonny, for returning it."

As the days slipped by, Derek became accustomed to his new job. The work was hard enough, and there was always plenty to do, but he was not unhappy. Mr. Warren always

treated him kindly, but some of the clerks used to bully him at times.

One in particular—a young man called Benson—seemed to take a particular delight in teasing Derek. Just when the boy was preparing to go home at night Benson would come into the room with a huge pile of letters.

"Just put these in their envelopes and run with them to the post," he would say, and, of course, Derek would do so.

But one day Mr. Warren came into the outer office just as this was happening. His brow clouded and his voice was stern when he spoke.

"Those letters should have gone two hours ago, Benson," he said. "You'd better post them yourself now. And please don't let the delay occur again."

After this incident Derek was not worried again, but he felt instinctively that Benson



"A burglar!" thought Derek, horrified.
"Whatever shall I do?"

would have his revenge whenever the chance occurred. Then came the day when Derek was summoned into Mr. Warren's private office. As he walked towards the door Benson whispered: "You're for it now! I expect you'll get the sack!"

Derek felt rather nervous. He knew that a summons to Mr. Warren's office generally meant trouble. He tried to remember anything he had done wrong or left undone.

"You sent her for me, sir?" he asked.

Mr. Warren nodded. "I want a few words with you, Worlock."

Derek braced his shoulders, prepared to meet the blow. But when Mr. Warren's eyes on there was no hint of sternness in his voice.

"I have been keeping an eye on you since you started work here, and I've been very pleased with your progress," he smiled kindly at the boy. "I've decided to pay you another ten shillings a week. Keep up your present standard and you'll go far!"

As he went out of the room Derek felt as though he were walking on air. Benson gave him an angry scowl, but he did not even notice it.

"Righto!" said Derek, cheerfully.

As the moments slipped by and the man did not return, Derek began to feel nervous. He knew he must not leave the office unattended.

"Bother!" he muttered at last. And then suddenly he heard a faint noise from the offices behind him. Moving noiselessly, he passed along the passage until he came to the outer office where he had been working. To his amazement he saw a light in Mr. Warren's private office, the door of which was open. The window of the outer office was open, though he was sure it had not been when he left.

With fast-beating heart, he crept along till he reached the open door. He peered round the opening, and then started back, only just stifling a cry of astonishment.

There, kneeling in front of the safe, was a man whom Derek had never seen before. By his side was a bag, which were several instruments. A burst of "ahs" from the boy, horrified.

"Whatever will I do?"

He might have called for help, but the thought never occurred to him. Instead he walked straight into the room.

"What are you doing here?" he demanded in his boldest voice.

"What will happen now? This splendid serial

gets more and more exciting every week."

HOW THE TWO LITTLE DUCKLINGS



TURNED INTO A GIANT SNOWBALL.

UNDER FALSE PRETENCES

By HENRY ST.
JOHN COOPER



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SYNOPSIS.

"**Y**OU have too much money, too few friends, too much time on your hands, no interests in life." Hearing this frank diagnosis from a well-known special agent, Robert Marcellin, the handsomely dressed and six-foot-tall Marcellin decided to break away from his old life. He plans to go on a holiday, during which he will live the life of a tramp, sleeping in barns and eating out of a few pennies daily. But when he comes to the rescue of his friend, Walter Purvis, a weak, easily-led character, who is in the clutches of a blackmailer named Dulham.

Robin lends him the money, and then starts on his holiday. One day, on a return to the roadside, he is observed by a beautiful girl. Taking him for a real tramp, she taunts him with his laziness and finally offers him work.

He accepts the offer and then finds that the girl, whose name is Alaine, is the daughter of a fine old Elizabethan house. He sees her father, and after being engaged as chauffeur's assistant learns that a visitor, a Mr. Rawley, is expected.

To his surprise, Mr. Rawley turns out to be no other than Dulham, the blackmailer! Luckily he had never seen Robin before, though the latter had seen him.

He also knows that the man whom everyone thinks is Alaine's father, Sir Geoffrey Farrell, is really an impostor named Collinor. He taunts Collinor with this, and threatens to expose him.

Finally he promises to keep silent, but the price of such a secret is to be Alaine and in marriage. The girl, of course, is quite unaware of this.

Meanwhile Alaine finds Robin a home with an elderly couple named Biggs, who live in a small cottage. Alaine's maid takes a fancy to her host, Smith, and this annoys Purvis, the chauffeur who loves Bessie. There is a fight between the two men, which Alaine sees from a window overlooking the scene.

After knocking the chauffeur out Smith takes his place in Alaine's small car. Out of obstinacy the girl complains of his driving and takes the wheel herself. She lands the car in a ditch, and as she is recovering consciousness she is amazed to hear Smith referring to her in every endearing term. He does not know she has heard him.

Rawley and his sister Nina come to visit Sir Geoffrey and are greatly surprised to see Smith. She feels certain she has seen him before, and suspects that he is Marchant.

Smith sees Farrell visit a lonely cottage where he meets a girl and a tall, strange-looking man.

Rawley sees Alaine out in his car, but Smith follows just in time to rescue the girl from the blackmailer's unwelcome attentions.

"THE LION AND THE MOUSE."

ALAINE was standing at that very useful window of hers which commanded a view of the garage yard. It was lunch-time; she knew for she had seen Purvis start off village-wards. Smith was still in the yard.

She came hurriedly down the stairs, and, going out by the back door, made her way through the garden and came to the arched door leading to the garage.

"Purvis!" she called.

It was duplicity on her part, for which she ought to have been ashamed, but was not, for she was afraid Purvis had gone to get his dinner.

"How annoying!"

"More annoying for him if he hadn't."

She affected not to hear the remark.

"I hope that you have the car in order. It was very humiliating to have to walk the other day."

"I found that there was something wrong with the ignition," he explained.

"Smith?"

"Madam?"

"Will you please explain to me now why you came after Mr. Rawley and myself in my car without my permission?"

"I didn't ask your permission because you had gone with Mr. Rawley, and you were not here to grant it."

"But why did you follow us?"

"I tried to explain," he said patiently. "I remembered that Mr. Rawley's tank was nearly empty."

"And so followed him to tell him, but so took him my petrol."

"An oversight!"

They looked at one another, and their eyes met and flashed like glancing swords.

"Smith, I wish you could find it possible to be open and straightforward."

"One cannot alter one's nature," he said pleasantly. "It is natural to one to be underhand and untrue, what can one do?"

She flushed with anger. What right had this man to call her at that way? She knew that he was laughing at her, and the fact irritated her. He always seemed to get the last word in these verbal duels.

"For the last time of asking, will you kindly explain exactly why you took my car without permission and followed Mr. Rawley and myself?"

"I did not consider Mr. Rawley to be a man and proper person for you to associate with."

She opened her eyes wide. "Smith, how dare you speak of my father's guest and friend in that manner?"

"Well, you asked for it."

"I asked for a reason, but not for an impertinence."

"If the impertinence was the reason he had to hand it out to you, hadn't it? You persisted in having an answer?"

"You will kindly explain to me why you have formed such an opinion of Mr. Rawley."

"Instinct, perhaps," said Smith briefly.

It was not instinct, and she knew it. There was more behind it.

"Can you be frank with me?" It was an appeal, and it went home.

"I would like to be, but I have no guarantee that you would accept what I tell you. It is hardly likely that you could place any reliance in me, if you come to recollect the circumstances of our first meeting."

"Do you know anything against Mr. Rawley—anything that is not merely instinctive dislike? Do you?" she paused—"know that Mr. Rawley is not a good man?"

He did not answer for a moment.

"Well?"

"Yes, I do know that he is not a person you should associate with. He is not worthy of your friendship, of—of more."

Her cheeks flamed suddenly.

"Will you come with me now to my father and tell him what you know about his guest?"

"No," said Smith firmly.

"I wish you to."

"I am sorry, but I am not going to."

"Oh, I understand!" she said scornfully.

"You are afraid. You are telling untruths. You dare not repeat them."

"Put it that way if you like."

"It is the only way I can put it. I am disappointed." She turned to go.

Smith said nothing. He was thinking: "If your father and my dear were different from what he is, I would tell him instantly and tell him all I know about Rawley. But to tell you the candid truth, I mistrust your father as much as I mistrust Rawley, though perhaps with less reason.

"I've got an idea that they are hunting in the same pack; that they're a couple of wasters, though I should hardly like to say as much to his daughter," Alaine turned.

"Since you have not the moral courage to speak to your father and repeat to him what he has said to me—"

"That's—it's moral courage," he said.

"Since you do not possess it, it will be better if—if we agree to forget the conversation that has passed between us."

She had thought perhaps that he would jump at the chance, that he must regret having said what he had, but she was wrong.

"I prefer that you do not forget it. I would like you to remember what you have said about Rawley. Keep it to yourself, if you like, but don't forget it, because it happens to be true."

"There is one more thing I would like you to remember, Alaine." How easily her name slipped from his lips, and, strangely enough, neither of them at the moment seemed to realise it. "You may need help; you may find yourself in danger. There is no knowing; but if you do, the man you found sleeping in a ditch will be very glad and very happy to come to your rescue."

"It sounds absurd," she said.

"It does, doesn't it?" He had regained his self-control. "It sounds preposterous, but per-haps you may remember the fable of the lion and the mouse. Of course this lion isn't really a lion at all; he is only an ass in a lion's skin."

"And the mouse?" she asked.

"Oh, merely a mouse!" He turned away.

The girl watched him for a moment and then went her way.

"I don't believe," she said to herself, "that he is only a mouse. I believe—." She started suddenly, for she had just remembered that he had called her Alaine.

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"You!" said Purvis, as he leaned forward and touched Smith's knee with his pipe.

"You're toff; that's what you are!"

"It doesn't sound pleasing," said Smith. "Suppose you put it in another way. Say 'You have seen better days'—it sounds nicer."

"Purvis, I ain't a born fool, and now what I want to ask is this: What about Betty?"

"Are you asking my opinion or—"

"No, I ain't. Your opinion don't matter a thing to me. Blow your opinion! What I mean is—is—" Purvis paused.

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"She isn't his daughter. That woman's Nell Cartwright, daughter of old Job Cartwright, the farter—a brazen piece, if ever there was one. I could tell you things about 'er."

"I don't know that I want to hear," said Smith.

"No, only," Purvis hesitated again, "that chap you see, the tall chap with the grey hair, the looney one—"

"What?"

Purvis touched his forehead. "Not all here, you know, he said. Quite enough, very nice and all that—"

"And he lives in that cottage?"

"With Nell Cartwright to look after 'im. Nell's father and mother live down in the village. Run gone, isn't it?"

"It is a rum go, as you say," Smith replied.

"What's the man's name?"

"Collinor. I think he's been a sailor, and done Sir Geoffrey a service years ago. Sir Geoffrey is a-looking after 'im now—by and by he'll pay Nell her wages."

Smith stared, for it was all so much Dutch to him.

"Why shouldn't he pay her week by week?" he said.

Purvis laughed. "She'll take it in a lump the day she marries Sir Geoffrey. That's her game, and she's a deep 'un. The wages are rather high, eh?"

"Sir Geoffrey ain't rightly an old man yet, and the man is good-looking enough. That's unusual at all, but I'm thinking it'll be a bit of a shock to Miss Alaine when it comes off. But it will come off. You mark my words, Smith, this 'ere marriage is coming off one of these fine days."

Smith did not answer. He thrust his hands deep into his pockets and admired the toes of his boots. Suddenly he spoke.

"What did you say the grey-haired man's name was?" Purvis.

"Collinor," said Purvis. "I don't make no mistake. Collinor is the name, and 'e's been a sailor."

"Thanks, I shan't forget."

"Where did you take 'im?"

"To tell you the truth, I don't know."

"Was it—" Purvis paused—"to a cottage about six miles off. You go down a little narrow lane to it, and—"

"That's it?"

"Ah! Cartwright's. That's where the funny bloke lives."

"A tall grey-haired man?"

"Oh! you saw him, then?"

"In the distance. There's also a nice-looking young woman, his daughter, who—"

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Another fine instalment on Monday.

PURVIS MAKES A VOW.

PURVIS hung his head, then he looked up. "I understand, and you are right. I ain't been drunk like that for years. I'll give it up."

"I don't think that's necessary. Besides, you can't."

"You try me. I'll become teetotal," he paused, "if that's going to win Betty for me."

"I understand that," Purvis said. "I'll be on your side and I'll help you. I mean, She is too pretty and good to go and waste her life."

"I'm a man," said Purvis, "who's as done with drink for good and all. It's a bargain. Smith"—he held out his hand—"take it from me."

"I'll be glad to," Smith said. They shook hands on it.

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SIXTEEN CUP BATTLES TO THRILL ENGLAND TO-DAY

Prospects of the Clubs in the Second Round.

LONDON'S HOPES.

More Interest Than Ever in Football's Blue Riband.

Extraordinary interest has been taken in the second round of the Cup-ties to be played this afternoon. The preparation of players has been zealously watched over, and their capacities weighed in a fashion perhaps unexampled in the history of the game. The full list of matches is—

Middlesbrough v. Sheffield U. **Chelsea v. Southampton**
Bury v. Stoke **West Brom v. Sunderland**
Shields v. Blackburn R. **Eighton v. West Ham**
Brighton v. Fulham **Leeds v. Luton**
Plymouth v. Bradford **Leyton v. C. V. C.**
Spurs v. Middlesbrough **Boleyn Wan. v. Leeds U.**
Wolverhampton v. Barnsley **Charlton v. Preston N.E.**
Millwall v. Huddersfield

The kick-off in these games is 2.45. The draw for the third round will take place on Monday.

REVIEW OF THE TIES.

Can Sheffield United Hold Middlesbrough?—
 —Old Riva's at Bury.

Middlesbrough's Task.—Treating the teams in the order in which they emerged from the ballot at Russell-square, Middlesbrough have to be the favourites to win through at the third time of asking against Nottingham Forest. Ordinarily there should be only one result to the contest—Middlesbrough should win comfortably at the first time of asking. Sheffield are in doubt over one or two players, but except to field the following: Blackburn; Cook and Sturges; Panting, Waugh and Plant; Mercer, Johnson, Oldacre, Gillespie and Tunstall.

Old Opponents.—Bury and Stoke are old opponents, both in League and Cup, and, as a rule, their games have been fought with extraordinary keenness. To-day's game is no exception. Bury have a very fair prospect of forcing a draw, as Porter, Callagher and McCrae are a line of half-backs not likely to let the First Leaguers settle down as they did against Blackburn Rovers and Cardiff. A draw seems today's probable result, with the replay in the lap of the gods.

BLACKBURN'S CHANCE.

Powers Away.—The three Northern river centres, Tyne, Wear and Tees, are all keenly interested in the struggles. Newcastle, thanks to the efforts of their new manager, Mr. South Shields, are left to represent the Tyne, and they meet Blackburn Rovers. Naturally, the Shields team declare their ability to win, but with Ridley doubtful and Gray also a problematical starter, the home team do not look to have too good a chance. If the Rovers are at full strength there ought to be no doubt as to a visiting team's success.

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City v. County.—Bristol City and Derby County are likely to have a lively set-to, and it would take a mighty prophet to speak with any degree of confidence as to the result. The two sides have made their way in League III, to such purpose that they are almost assured of being promoted to the circle from which they descended last season, and they look good enough to win to-day, but it has to be remembered that Derby County are a vastly different side from that which consistently passed through troubled waters at the early part of the season. Still, advantage of ground should tell its tale.

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HOPEFUL ARGYLE.

Plymouth Optimistic.—Against Bradford Plymouth Argyle naturally expect to win. They will create a great surprise if they do not. Fortunately for the North Country team, Turnbull will probably be fit to play again. Howie will be enabled to leave the inside left berth and go to his proper position at half-back. McLean, who scored three goals on Saturday, and Thompson, whose suspension has now expired, would then form the right wing, with Turnbull and Peeler on the left. The Yorkshiremen will make a hard fight, but it will be a close game, with Plymouth the probable winners.

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Spurs Should Win.—Against Manchester United the Spurs will expect to reap success, and there are many who are already tipping the Spurs as winners of the day. Alas! the wish would seem the father to the thought. The path to Wembley is beset with a thousand snags. Still, they should overcome the United unless there is a rerudescence of the Workshops form, which will be disastrous to the White Hart-lane site.

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Sheffield's Derby.—The Wednesday and Barnesley meeting is another contest where the issue will be in doubt to the end. Each side has won against the other once in the League, but the home record of the Wednesday suggests the success. Barnesley have a better defence, but the home form can be counted on, and I strongly fancy the Wednesday to be the side interested in the draw next Monday afternoon.



Hawlings, who will lead the Saints' forward line against Chelsea this afternoon.



J. Sharp, the famous cricketer, who has been elected captain of Lancashire.

HOLDERS IN TOWN.

Huddersfield's Match with Millwall at New Cross—Saints at Chelsea.

Holders at Millwall.—The Cup-holders are at Millwall. It will be a do-or-die struggle, whatever team may eventually be held. The draw is to the Saints' advantage, the left wing teams either Dorset or Pithier may figure on the extreme. A draw seems the most likely result, with the Yorkshires established in the fact that Millwall are beaten, and cannot do anything than they are over beating the holders, though they are not underestimating the difficulties of the task set them.

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Saints' Prospects.—Southampton have great hopes of getting through to the semi-final, and the draw should be the best there is at the first time of asking their meeting with Chelsea. The Pensioners will keep Priestley in the half-back line, and, with Armstrong as the leader of their attack, they may give a lot of trouble to the Blues. Bland and Allard, Sons of the Hammer, if Campbell is in form he displayed the fact at Millwall. I am expecting Southampton to pull through.

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Sunderland Home.—Sunderland are fancied strongly in certain quarters as the ultimate winners. Only once have they got to the final, but it is beyond a peradventure that they are the best-balanced side in the country at the moment. If they do what is expected of them they will trounce West Bromwich.

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Special photographs of the great Cup battles by "Daily Mirror" staff photographers will appear in Monday's "Daily Mirror."

Albion at the Hawthorn.—They drew there in the League and are, with the exception of Stoke, the only side to take a point away this season. Buchan and his inside colleagues have seldom failed to find the net this season—and they will probably do so more frequently than the Albion this afternoon.

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Corinthians' Conquerors.—Brighton and Hove Albion, as in their grandiloquent moments the sea-side club like to be called, are to receive West Ham. The London team have been consistently inconsistent this season, but have played better away than at home. The Hammers are the only team they are fancied to-day. Of course, the great fight the home team made against the Corinthians will not escape memory, but the Hammers are of a different type to the men of Corinth, and, as they will be fully represented, they should win a hard game.

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Easy for Liverpool.—Liverpool at Molineux should account for the Wolves, who are at a lower ebb than at any time in their history. As was well written in the "Daily Mirror" on Saturday, the orgies and cussed sensations in Cup games are notorious, but the greatest of all would be Liverpool's ejection from the competition at the hands of the Wanderers. Both sides will field their best strength.

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Cardiff at Leicester.—Leicester have a tough position to tackle in Cardiff, but all the same they are the more likely to win. The Welsh team have club have to make one change from their usual formation. Pynegar, who has not had his place this season in the League team, fills his old position at outside right, and it is something of a goal to boot to boot they may get used to his name in the South Wales centre.

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Rangers at Wigan.—Queen's Park Rangers should win at Wigan. Although the Lancashire town is the reverse of a beauty spot, the Rangers should find the ground to their liking, as the Londoners have plenty of room to move in, and Wigan claim to have the greatest ground in the country. The Loftus team have failed to reproduce the form they displayed against Crystal Palace in the first round to win comfortably.

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Ground Advantage.—Bolton Wanderers will find Leed's a tough proposition, but the advantage of ground should be a great asset to them. The Wanderers have not lost a League game on their own ground, though they have been driven to five drawn contests, four of which have ended in a goal being played against each side. Leed's, on the other hand, have won more games away than they have lost, so they are reckoning well on their chance.

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Leicester's Stiff Tie.—Leicester have a tough position to tackle in Cardiff, but all the same they are the more likely to win. The Welsh team have club have to make one change from their usual formation. Pynegar, who has not had his place this season in the League team, fills his old position at outside right, and it is something of a goal to boot to boot they may get used to his name in the South Wales centre.

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Lawton Case.—The Wednesday and Barnesley meeting is another contest where the issue will be in doubt to the end. Each side has won against the other once in the League, but the home record of the Wednesday suggests the success. Barnesley have a better defence, but the home form can be counted on, and I strongly fancy the Wednesday to be the side interested in the draw next Monday afternoon.

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The LAWTON CASE.—At a general meeting of the Oxford University Rugby Football Club last night a vote of confidence in Major Stanley and sympathy with him over the attacks on his reputation that have appeared in the press were expressed. It was also decided to ask the Rugby Union to allow representatives of the O.U.R.F.C. and Mr. Bernie to appear before a sub-committee to argue and defend the case of

FOOTBALL GOLFERS.

"Daily Mirror" Competition To Be Held Again This Year.

The golf tournament for London professional footballers promised by *The Daily Mirror* last year was so successful that it is to be repeated. It will take the form of a knock-out competition with a preliminary stroke qualifying test, and the thirty-two men returning the best scores will play off by matches for four prizes to be presented by *The Daily Mirror*. The competition will be open to all players registered with the Football League or otherwise.

Another competition is also to be held. This will be a team contest run on the knock-out system. The clubs will be represented by teams of four, a side, and they will be allowed to enter as many teams as they like. For each individual win one point will be counted, and half a point for a halved match.

For this team contest Mr. T. A. Deacock, a director of the Tottenham Hotspur club, has promised a handsome trophy cup, and it is to be decided by the winning club, whose representatives will each receive souvenirs of their achievement. Mr. Deacock is more expert as a bowls player than a golfer, but he has no doubt such a tournament will help to promote good fellowship amongst the players of the London clubs.

Both competitions will be in charge of committee chairman Mr. Deacock, the chairman and Mr. Frank M. Carrithers the hon. secretary. The members of the committee are—Mr. Philip Kelso (Fulham), Mr. Peter McWilliam (Tottenham Hotspur), Mr. Kinnear (West Ham), Mr. P. G. Clegg (Arsenal), Mr. Leslie Richardson (Arsenal), Jack Rutherford, as the representative of the players; the well-known golfers, George Duncan and George Gadd; and the sports editor of *The Daily Mirror*, Mr. Percy Moss.

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BATTLE FOR POINTS.—

Important Matches in the League this Afternoon.

Although, of course, the Cup-ties claim most attention this afternoon, there are several interesting League matches for decision—such as First Division, Second Division, and the semi-final of Third Division games being included on the football programme.

Matches with important bearing on the relegation question are among those to be decided. The Arsenal, who have greatly improved, will put them to a more competitive position, are still need points, and to-day they are away to a team who are even lower down the table—Nottingham Forest.

The Gunners will be under pressure, and they should be enabled to do at least one win.

D.oham and Birmingham, two other sides fighting desperately to avoid relegation, meet on the former's ground, and the visitors may manage to draw, as the Latics' recent form has been very poor.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL.

Scotland's Captain on Thistles' Chance Against Wales at Cardiff To-day.

Scotland are due at Cardiff to-day for their international Rugby match with Wales, and the question again crops up as to whether age and experience can defeat youth and determination.

The impression prevails in certain quarters that

WHITE KNIGHT'S SELECTIONS.

1. 0—DAISY CUTTER. 2. 23.0—MANISTER. 3. 0—LEONOTIS. 4. 23.0—BRIDGE.

2. 0—FOREWARNED. 3. 0—MANICO. 4. 33.0—GROOMSPORT.

TO-DAY'S DOUBLE.

LEONOTIS and FOREWARNED.

the Scottish pack are too young and inexperienced, but that idea is open to question, as seen against France at Inverleath.

We've a jolly good side and we are out to win. Ourwards will fairly relish in the heavy "going," said A. L. Gracie, the captain of the Scottish team when interviewed at Cardiff.

WITH THE ATHLETES.

Interesting Club Championships and Inter-Team Runs To-day.

Although the activities of many clubs will be confined to training spins in view of the North and South of Thames championships fixed to take place on Saturday, there is a fair number of other interesting events down for this afternoon.

The chief fixtures to-day are—South London, ten miles, championship and Brixton Cup race, at Crystal Palace; Reading, half-mile, at Reading; and Clutton Cup race, at Putney Heath; Blackheath and Clutton, v. Felsted School, at Felsted; Orion Harriers, v. Charlton, v. School Union, Godalming; Orion Harriers, v. Charlton, v. School Union, Godalming; Surrey A.C., v. London University, at Wimbleton; Cambridge, v. open ten miles walking handicap and race, at Eltham; Ascombe A.C., ten miles walking handicap, at Putney; Thames Valley, v. Surrey, v. Middlesex, cross-country championship, at Isleworth; Midland Counties' junior championships, at Neaton; Yorkshire cross-country championships (senior, junior and youths).

Calderdale, v. Lancashire, cross-country championships, at Sowerby Bridge.

Leeds, v. Bradford, cross-country, at Bradford.

W. Midlands, v. N. Midlands, cross-country, at Walsall.

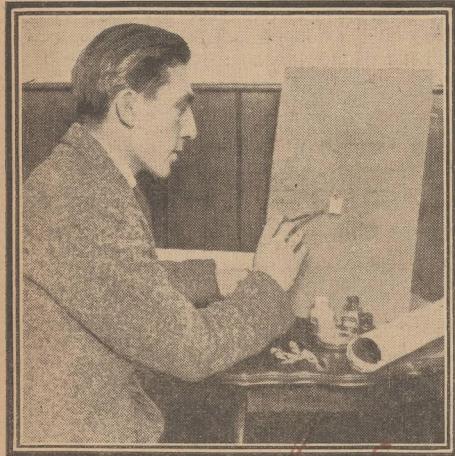
Northants, v. Lancashire, cross-country, at Northampton.

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There is a splendid competition—

BLACKSMITH PAINTS FOR QUEEN



Mr. A. G. Reece, the blacksmith-painter of Beckton, at work on one of the four miniatures which the Queen has accepted for her famous doll's house. They are a portrait of the King and three landscapes.



Mr. H. W. Cook, against whom judgment was given for £1,264 yesterday regarding purchase of a jewelled brooch.



Joe Beckett, recuperating at Southsea, passes on the front the anchor of the famous Victory. Is this an omen that he will beat Dick Smith?

MOURNING FOR CUP-TIE



Mrs. Thompson, wife of the Hotspurs' caretaker, sewing black bands on football shirts for to-day's Cup-tie. Both the Spurs and Manchester United will be in mourning for Lord Kinnaird, who was president of the F.A.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



Mrs. Hughes Hall, whose entertainment has earned her the title of "Queen of Dinnard," has died.



Captain Pfeiffer and Miss M. Barlow.



TRAIN MYSTERY.—Mr. B. N. Russell, the mystery of whose death by a fall from a train near Gravesend was unsolved by the inquest yesterday. The verdict was Accidental death.



ATTENDANTS OF THE SUN MAID.—Students of the Royal College of Arts about to begin a rehearsal of "Sol, the Sun Maid," a feature of the Chelsea Arts Ball next Wednesday.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



Sir Frederick Rice, M.P., driving.

SUMMER GOLF IN WINTER.—A dry course and bright sunshine are advantages that golfers enjoy if they go to Mont Agel, Monte Carlo.